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- 25X11. A former captain of the German Armed Forces, who had been a forester in Kreis Haldensleben since the end of the war, was ordered to report to a Magdeburg police station in mid-November 1949.
2. While in Magdeburg, he was urged to join the Volkspolizei. As he hesitated to comply, he was told that it would be better if he "volunteered" now, receiving an appointment in accordance with his previous rank, than if he waited to be inducted in the near future as only Wachtmeister. He was reassured that there would be no difficulties because of his military past.
3. The former officer felt that he would incur the resentment of his associates by joining the Volkspolizei and so asked time for thought. He was eventually arrested under suspicion of planning to escape from the Soviet Zone of Germany.
4. When he expressed his willingness to join the Volkspolizei as an officer, he was immediately released. He is now an officer with the 4th VP Bereitschaft, Quedlinburg (M52/D35).
5. Another former German officer who had served in World War II with a division signal battalion, received an order to report in Torgau for induction into the Volkspolizei.
6. He refused to join the police on the grounds that he was exempt as foreman of an SAG (Soviet Corporation). The Russian officer attached to the Torgau VP Unit secured his separation from the SAG, whereupon the German was inducted into the Volkspolizei. He was provided with an Apartment in Torgau for his family.

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